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Subsidised Branded Fuel Products
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to subsidise branded fuel products and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) the extent to which the fuel conservation drive launched recently, has been successful in conservation of energy; and
(c) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): The prices of Petrol and Diesel have been made market determined by the Government effective 26th June, 2010 and 19th October, 2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of Petrol and Diesel in line with their international prices and other market conditions and after deregulation no subsidy is being given on these products.
(b) & (c): Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, promotes conservation of petroleum products in the major sectors of economy. This includes conservation of energy sources, development, evaluation and commercialization of efficient equipment and additives, popularizing production of bio-fuels, environment protection etc.
As per PCRA, the recent drive on conservation of fuel and energy was launched from January 2016 to March 2016. This was well accepted and appreciated and the conservation message was disseminated for all the four sectors, viz. Transport, Domestic Agriculture and Industry, through media and field activities.
Further, with a view to improve Energy Efficiency in the energy intensive sectors, the Government has launched "Perform, Achieve and Trade" (PAT) scheme. In the first cycle of PAT, 8 sectors were mandated and three more energy intensive sectors including Petroleum Refinery have been added in PAT cycle II.
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